MR. M. NILAKANDA PILLAI: I rise to a point of order. I thought I could put supplementary questions and get answers in respect of all the parts of question No. 23. I did not get any opportunity to do so.

PRESIDENT: You should have gone on asking your questions one after another. The Secretary to the Legislative Council waited for a sufficient length of time, and seeing that no further questions were forthcoming from you, he passed on to the next question.

MR. M. NILAKANDA PILLAI: I thought of putting some questions also, under the parts other than part (*a*).

PRESIDENT: I am sorry that you were not sufficiently on the alert. The Secretary to the Council was in order.

MR. N. KUMARAN: Sir, before we proceed to the business of the day, I should like to clear a doubt with respect to an item of procedure. The rules do not require that motions at the budget discussion stage should be seconded, but some doubt has arisen on that point.

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR: The rules do not require that a motion relating to the voting of grants should be seconded.

PRESIDENT. Such motions need not be seconded.

The Council resumed the discussion on the demands for grants for 1098.

DEMAND FOR GRANTS.—(*contd.*)

Demand II—Taxes on Income.

PRESIDENT: The question is that a sum not exceeding Rs. '19 lakh *minus* Rs. 9,636 be granted under Demand II—Taxes on Income.

The grant was made.

Demand III—Salt.

MR. A. J. VAN ROSS: Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 1·57 lakhs under Demand III—Salt.

***Motion* 23.**

MR. N. PADMANABHA PILLAI: Sir, I beg to make the following motion:

23. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1·57 lakhs under Demand III by Rs. 75,000.

I do not wish to say anything against an indigenous industry such as our salt culture. What prompted me to make this motion is the provision in the budget for two or three items which, I believe, can either be avoided or at any rate be reduced.

The first is the provision of Rs. 36,000 for petty construction and repairs. The details for this are given in the form of a footnote:—Rs. 20,000 for construction of officers' quarters at Tamaracolam, Rs. 2,000 for construction of an office in Mr. Karayalar's new *allom*, and Rs. 10,000 for the completion of certain incomplete works connected with channels and bars.

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